PTO/SB/08a (08-03)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

	Application Number			
INFORMATION DIGGLOCUES	Filing Date			
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE	First Named Inventor	Hidek	i ICHIHASHI et al.	
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Not for submission under 37 CFR 1.99)	Art Unit			
(Notice of Submission under or or it mos,	Examiner Name			
	Attorney Docket Numb	er	9369-118US U01-207973C/KK	

U.S.PATENTS Remove											
Examiner Initial*	Cite No	Patent Number	Kind Code ¹	Issue D)ate	of cited Document			Pages,Columns,Lines where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear		
	1										
If you wish to add additional U.S. Patent citation information please click the Add button.											
U.S.PATENT APPLICATION PUBLICATIONS Remove											
Examiner Initial*	Cite No	Publication Number	Kind Code ¹	Publica Date	Publication Name of Patentee or Applican of cited Document			Pages,Columns,Lines where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear			
	1										
If you wis	h to ac	dd additional U.S. Publi	shed Ap	plication	citation	n information p	please click the Add	button	Add		
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS Remove											
Examiner Initial*	Cite No	Foreign Document Number ³	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Kind Code ⁴	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document		Pages,Columns,Lines where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear		T5
	1	1 149 850	EP		A1	2001-10-31	Ube Industries, Inc.				✓
If you wish to add additional Foreign Patent Document citation information please click the Add button Add											
NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS Remove											
Examiner Initials* Cite No Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc), date, pages(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.									T 5		

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Not for submission under 37 CFR 1.99) Application Number Filing Date First Named Inventor Hideki ICHIHASHI et al. Art Unit Examiner Name Attorney Docket Number 9369-118US U01-207973C/KK

	1							
If you wish to add additional non-patent literature document citation information please click the Add button Add								
EXAMINER SIGNATURE								
Examiner Signature		ture	Date Considered					
			reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 60 mance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communicatio	_				
Standard ST 4 Kind of doc	.3). ³ F ument l	or Japa by the a	O Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ² Enter office that issued the documence patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the suppropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁵ Apple is attached.	erial number of the patent doo	ument.			

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Not for submission under 37 CFR 1.99)

Application Number		
Filing Date		
First Named Inventor Hidel		ki ICHIHASHI et al.
Art Unit		
Examiner Name		
Attorney Docket Number		9369-118US U01-207973C/KK

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT								
Plea	ase see 37 CFR 1	.97 and 1.98 to make the appropriate selecti	ion(s):					
	That each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. See 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1).							
OR								
	That no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. See 37 CFR 1.97(e)(2).							
	See attached cer	tification statement.						
	Fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (p) has been submitted herewith.							
✓	None							
		SIGNA	TURE					
	ignature of the ap n of the signature.	plicant or representative is required in accor	dance with CFR 1.33, 10.1	8. Please see CFR 1.4(d) for the				
Signature		/William W. Schwarze/	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2006-05-10				
Name/Print		William W. Schwarze	Registration Number	25918				
pub 1.14	lic which is to file (I. This collection i	mation is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 (and by the USPTO to process) an application s estimated to take 1 hour to complete, inclue USPTO. Time will vary depending upon th	on. Confidentiality is gover uding gathering, preparing	rned by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR and submitting the completed				

require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria**,

VA 22313-1450.

Privacy Act Statement

The Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-579) requires that you be given certain information in connection with your submission of the attached form related to a patent application or patent. Accordingly, pursuant to the requirements of the Act, please be advised that: (1) the general authority for the collection of this information is 35 U.S.C. 2(b)(2); (2) furnishing of the information solicited is voluntary; and (3) the principal purpose for which the information is used by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is to process and/or examine your submission related to a patent application or patent. If you do not furnish the requested information, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office may not be able to process and/or examine your submission, which may result in termination of proceedings or abandonment of the application or expiration of the patent.

The information provided by you in this form will be subject to the following routine uses:

- 1. The information on this form will be treated confidentially to the extent allowed under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a). Records from this system of records may be disclosed to the Department of Justice to determine whether the Freedom of Information Act requires disclosure of these record s.
- 2. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, in the course of presenting evidence to a court, magistrate, or administrative tribunal, including disclosures to opposing counsel in the course of settlement negotiations.
- 3. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Member of Congress submitting a request involving an individual, to whom the record pertains, when the individual has requested assistance from the Member with respect to the subject matter of the record.
- 4. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a contractor of the Agency having need for the information in order to perform a contract. Recipients of information shall be required to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(m).
- 5. A record related to an International Application filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, pursuant to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.
- 6. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to another federal agency for purposes of National Security review (35 U.S.C. 181) and for review pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 218(c)).
- 7. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the Administrator, General Services, or his/her designee, during an inspection of records conducted by GSA as part of that agency's responsibility to recommend improvements in records management practices and programs, under authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906. Such disclosure shall be made in accordance with the GSA regulations governing inspection of records for this purpose, and any other relevant (i.e., GSA or Commerce) directive. Such disclosure shall not be used to make determinations about individuals.
- 8. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the public after either publication of the application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b) or issuance of a patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 151. Further, a record may be disclosed, subject to the limitations of 37 CFR 1.14, as a routine use, to the public if the record was filed in an application which became abandoned or in which the proceedings were terminated and which application is referenced by either a published application, an application open to public inspections or an issued patent.
 - 9. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency, if the USPTO becomes aware of a violation or potential violation of law or regulation.